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FOREIGN COMPANIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the foreign companies granted permission by the Government to set up industries in the country since 2003 till date, location-wise;

(b) the number of MoU signed by the Government to set up industries in the country since 2003, till date;

(c) whether domestic industries are lagging behind due to special facilities enjoyed by the foreign companies;

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto; and

(e) the details of the policies being run by the Government to safeguard the domestic industries?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY(SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR)

(a): State-wise list of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) approvals granted since April 2003 till February, 2008 is at Annex-I.

(b): State-wise list on Industrial Entrepreneurial Memoranda (IEMs) filed for setting up industries since April 2003 till February, 2008 is at Annex-II.

(c) to (e): No special facilities are being provided to foreign companies. The value of FDI approvals granted during April, 2003 to February, 2008 is much lesser than the value of domestic IEMs filed during the same period. FDI basically complements and supplements domestic investment and helps in improving the competitiveness of domestic industry. FDI has a role towards achieving a higher level of economic development by providing opportunities for technological upgradation, access to global managerial skills and practices, optimal utilisation of human and natural resources, making Indian industry internationally competitive, opening up export markets and providing backward and forward linkages, as well as access to international quality goods and services.